



Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola

July 16, 2024

FRANKFORT – Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Andali, Province of Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy, Tosca was the daughter of the late Luigi and Esther (Grande) Ventura. As a young girl, along with her family, they joined their loved ones who had previously settled in Utica. Educated in Utica Public Schools, she also graduated from Cosmetology School and was a Licensed N.Y.S. Beautician. Her adult life was dedicated to her career, and she worked until the very last days of her life. She was happily married for nearly 45 years to Warren D. Meola.

All that is asked of us is to be the best person and to be most loyal to the people and things that are important to us in this life. Tosca was one of those women who could be most humbly proud of all her achievements. She devoted herself to the goals she believed in, and her family. She strived to believe in herself and find happiness in her marriage. The love Tosca had for her children and grandchildren and the watchful eye she kept over her siblings and their families knew no bounds. She conquered limitations whenever they appeared. She was strong, sensitive, determined, gracious, and meticulous. She was so special to so many people... and in her passing, she reached out for the next star and her rewards for new dreams and peace have now been bestowed upon her.

She had an impeccable personal sense of style and a creative flair in decorating her home. She was a person of wisdom, not shy about sharing her opinion with her children. Her practical insight was often correct, for which her boys were grateful.

Through the years, along with family, she was a huge supporter of her children's and grandchildren's activities, notably the sport of downhill skiing which she and Warren taught them to master. She enjoyed antiquing, especially browsing the Madison Bouckville Antique Show, always on an incredible quest for bargains! She relished the time spent in the peace and tranquility of their second home on Lake Moraine; it was her sanctuary, and she appreciated the beautiful nightly sunset that concluded her days there.

Nothing made Tosca happier than when her home was filled with her children and grandchildren. She strived for a simpler life, and her grandchildren gave her an opportunity to be that "more lenient mom." Her actions, kindness, and generosity were the Lord's work that she chose to do. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Tosca is survived by her husband, Warren; sons and their loves, Dr. Michael Rabice and Todd Kroening, Phillip and Christine Rabice, PJ Rabice and his wife Tiffany Craven-Rabice, and Kristopher and Christy Meola; her grandchildren, the lights of her life, Bella, and Daniel Rabice; Harrison Craven; and Sydney, and Skylar Meola; and brothers, Ercole Ventura, and Carlo Ventura. She fondly remembered her brothers who preceded her, Romolo Ventura (2022), Raffaele "Ralph" Ventura (2021), and Dionisio "Nise" Ventura (2000). Also left to treasure her memory are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; mother-in-law, Shirley Meola; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gary and Karin Meola. Her life was blessed with many friendships and colleagues, especially her late friend Ann Lee Rizzo who

Tosca always kept close to her heart. She was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law who she called Dad, Carl Meola.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tosca's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

GI

“ *The most amazing Aunt I could ask for <3*

Gianna - November 14, 2025 at 09:41 AM

CH

“ *Warren and family I just found out Tosca passed away. My Heartfelt condolences to all of you.*



char - September 18, 2024 at 12:40 PM

LD

“ *So sorry to learn of Tosca's passing. Prayers and sincere condolences to Warren and her family and friends.*

Lorraine Dominick - August 29, 2024 at 08:39 PM

TR

“ *Warren, Kris, and Family: Tosca was a mother to so many of us New Hartford boys. Her care, wit, candor, and hospitality were unmatched. She always went the extra mile for us. I'll cherish the memories and always remember the amazing woman that she was.*

With Love,

Troha

Troha - July 24, 2024 at 03:14 PM

CA

“ To Warren and Family,

Tosca was a special friend. She truly was someone who cared and listened. I will miss her greatly. She made everyone around her feel good. I know she helped me with her advice and just listening. She was always worried about everyone else around her. She was truly selfless. True friend. Love you Tosca! XOXO Cassy



Cassy - July 20, 2024 at 11:48 AM

FK

“ Felicia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Felicia K. - July 20, 2024 at 08:43 AM

CZ

“ Carol Z. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Carol Z. - July 19, 2024 at 09:45 PM

AP

“ Ali, Danielle, John, Taylor, & Peter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Ali, Danielle, John, Taylor, & Peter - July 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM

EN

“ Edward and Rita Nolan planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Edward and Rita Nolan - July 19, 2024 at 07:29 PM

SH

“ Scot Haney purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Scot Haney - July 19, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 19, 2024 at 01:30 PM

LC

“ Love Scott & Carrie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Love Scott & Carrie - July 19, 2024 at 01:30 PM

FM

“ *My dearest Tosca
So many, many memories❤️
My world was a better place with you in it
Rest easy dear friend 🙏*

*To Warren and family
Our condolences 🙏*

felucia medici - July 19, 2024 at 12:24 PM

FM

“ *Felucia Medici lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Tosca (Ventura) Meola*



felucia medici - July 19, 2024 at 12:12 PM

LS

“ *Love, Sydney, Skylar, Nana, and Skipper
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the
family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.*



Love, Sydney, Skylar, Nana, and Skipper - July 19, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DB

“ *Diana Blatt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for
the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.*



Diana Blatt - July 19, 2024 at 05:38 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ *Joe and Lenore Steet* purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Joe and Lenore Steet - July 18, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Joe and Lenore Steet* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Joe and Lenore Steet - July 18, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 08:19 PM

MS

“ *Marguerite Spano lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola*



Marguerite Spano - July 18, 2024 at 07:56 PM

CS

“ *Chris and Laura Selkirk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.*

Chris and Laura Selkirk - July 18, 2024 at 07:30 PM

CS

“ *Chris and Laura Selkirk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.*



Chris and Laura Selkirk - July 18, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JG

“ *To the family,
Tosca was a beautiful person who loved her Italian Roots, her family , her friends and all of her customers...She always had a smile and warm hug when she greeted you ...
Working with her was pure joy and she always had some project going on ...either refurbishing furniture or making a new recipe
My sincere condolences to the family at this difficult time ...
Tosca May you Rest In Peace ...you will be missed...*

Janice Greer - July 18, 2024 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ Mark & Janet Bolt purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Mark & Janet Bolt - July 18, 2024 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ Mark & Janet Bolt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Mark & Janet Bolt - July 18, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JF

“ Julie Dinger, Ryan Blanton, and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Julie Dinger, Ryan Blanton, and Family - July 18, 2024 at 06:17 PM

FA

“ From Angela Fran Addy and Dickie Amadeo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



From Angela Fran Addy and Dickie Amadeo - July 18, 2024 at 05:32 PM

WF

“ With Sympathy, Rajiv J. Raj & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



With Sympathy, Rajiv J. Raj & family - July 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 04:49 PM

TP

“ The Rizzo's and Piccarreto's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

The Rizzo's and Piccarreto's - July 18, 2024 at 04:49 PM

VG

“ Warren and family
Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife.
Chuck and Vita Gaetano

vita gaetano - July 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM

NP

“ Warren & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss of Tosca, a beautiful woman, inside and out. Always a smile on her face, and always gave a great Hello when seeing us. Tosca was a fantastic conversationalist and had quite a memory of years gone bye. Our seeing her in Naples, Florida with her brother Ralph and Lunches was a special treat. May God Bless Tosca and May she rest in peace.
Nick & Mary Parrotta

Nick Parrotta - July 18, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 01:40 PM

KF

“ Kasha Grabowski and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Kasha Grabowski and family - July 18, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CH

“ Clay and Patti Hulseley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Clay and Patti Hulseley - July 18, 2024 at 11:52 AM

CH

“ Clay and Patti Hulseley purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Clay and Patti Hulseley - July 18, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LF

“ Love, Your RGG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Love, Your RGG Family - July 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM

LF

“ Love, The Collins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Love, The Collins Family - July 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 17, 2024 at 11:44 PM

DM

“ Douglas Schultz & Jeffrey Moyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Douglas Schultz & Jeffrey Moyer - July 17, 2024 at 11:44 PM

ES

“ Beautiful inside and out- such a loss to all who knew her. So sorry Warren and family. Will be out of town this weekend-you will all be in my prayers.

Elizabeth Sacco - July 17, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ Cindy and Steve Wiestling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Cindy and Steve Wiestling - July 17, 2024 at 09:50 PM

RE

“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Tosca . I will remember your warm smile. Our condolences to the family. May she rest in peace.

Rose and Ben Enea

rose enea - July 17, 2024 at 09:07 PM

VC

“*Tosca - I will miss seeing beautiful pictures of the sunsets from your camp, pictures of your perfect Easter cassata, ricotta meatballs, fried zucchini, biscotti and your beautiful holiday decorations on Facebook. You were beautiful inside and out. May you rest in peace.*

Vicki and Vic Castronovo

Vicki and Vic Castronovo - July 17, 2024 at 08:45 PM

MS

I knew Tosca from the Fitness Mill in N.Y.Mills. She always made me laugh!! We had alot of fun conversations together. My condolences to all her family and friends. She was a sharp little spit fire. Rest in peace Tosca.

Marguerite Spano - July 18, 2024 at 02:33 PM

FM

*My dearest Tosca
So many wonderful memories ❤️
My world was a better place with you in it
Rest easy, dear friend*

felucia medici - July 19, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BL

Dear Warren, Chris and Family, Today I learned of Tosca's passing and I am filled with sympathy, love and prayers for you all. I loved and admired Tosca ever since we met as "ski racer Moms" and I can only imagine how deeply she will be missed... Time with her was always enjoyable and now, treasured. So so sorry that I hadn't been in touch recently with my beautiful, lovely friend.

Betty Little - July 22, 2024 at 08:57 AM

EV

“ Ercole V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Ercole V. - July 17, 2024 at 08:09 PM

EV

“ Ercole V. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Ercole V. - July 17, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ So sad to hear about Tosca. She always held out her hand and gave me a hug whenever we'd see each other. The last time we met she took me aside and told me how much she loved the Carzo family and I told her how much we all loved her. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Our prayers are with her family. Joe & Pam Carzo

Joe & Pam carzo - July 17, 2024 at 08:04 PM

GA

“ Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Gary - July 17, 2024 at 07:41 PM

GA

“ Gary purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Gary - July 17, 2024 at 07:41 PM

DC

“ Dianne Scheri & Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

Dianne Scheri & Children - July 17, 2024 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ My dear friend,
I could not believe the news I received this morning. Our conversations over this last year have been heartfelt and have been so special. Reconnecting with you has been such a blessing. Listening, caring and trying to get each other thru our each individual tough times . The heartbreak I felt when you gave me your diagnosis 2 weeks ago, yet the hope I had that you would be ok . I prayed that you would be strong enough to beat this too, after all you have been thru , but as I know all too well, when the body is tired , no matter how much you try, the body is too tired. Our last conversation I will always remember . I know you are now in the arms of our Lord and you are with your brothers who you missed so much. I will miss you my dear friend and I will pray for you always. I will end this the way we ended all our phone conversations by saying I Love You.

To Warren and Tosca's sons and family

I am so sorry for your loss . She was a wonderful woman loved by all.

Love, Carol Scampone

Carol Scampone - July 17, 2024 at 06:43 PM

DS

Tosca, my beautiful cousin from Italy that has given me so many beautiful memories, high school ,our Mom's, your wonderful brothers and Father. Our many conversations of Calabria and family and being there for me when my Mom passed and can't forget the recipes. Know that you are so loved and will be missed unmeasurably. My ❤️ goes out to Warren, your son's and family 🙏 I Love You, Dianne Scheri

Dianne Scheri - July 18, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DM

“ Warren and family, So sad to hear of Tosca's passing. I always enjoyed talking to her making each other laugh. She was a beautiful person with that sending my heartfelt condolences to you. RIP
Tosca Donna Meola

Donna Meola - July 17, 2024 at 06:26 PM

TF

“ The Strait Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.

The Strait Family - July 17, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



July 17, 2024 at 06:22 PM

NH

“ We are so very saddened to hear about Tosca's passing. I had so much fun working with her at Cheveux. It was an absolute pleasure to know and love her. Words cannot express how sorry we are, we are sending love, prayers and strength to all.

Nicole and Taylor Hadsell - July 17, 2024 at 06:04 PM

LL

“ Tosca just loved you❤️. Will always miss you. Love, Laurie and Ralph Lupia

Laurie Lupia - July 17, 2024 at 05:55 PM

DC

“ Dick & Cindy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Tosca (Ventura) Meola.



Dick & Cindy - July 17, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TA

“ Andrea, Anthony, Anthony, Francesco and Santino, So sorry about Aunt Tosca. Every time I met her she was amazingly gracious and quite fashionable. Don and I are sorry to hear of her passing and sending love and condolences to all. Xoxo

Tina Ambrose - July 17, 2024 at 05:37 PM

SF

The Scheri Family, Frank, Dianne, Pam, Toni, John and Donna, Warren, their children, grandchildren, the Ventura and Meola family, our deepest sympathy to all, Tosca had the most beautiful smile, a loving person and so beautiful, may she rest in peace, fly high with the Angels our sweet cousin 🙏❤️

Scheri family - July 19, 2024 at 05:12 PM

PJ

Carlo and Family so very sorry for your loss, May she rest in Peace.
Phyllis and Jake

Phyllis Jacobs - July 19, 2024 at 11:49 PM